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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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WITH DR. STEPHEN C. ATNIP ON

The Holy Spirit

NOVEMBER 17-20, 2024

Sunday, November 17

9:30 am **Prevalent Views about the Holy Spirit**

10:30 am **The Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

Fellowship Lunch following worship

6:00 pm **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm Congregational Singing

7:00 pm **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

Tuesday, November 19

6:30 pm Congregational Singing

7:00 pm **The Holy Spirit as Comforter**

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 pm **The Holy Spirit and Eternal Life**

Followed by a Fellowship Snack

Let's Invite Our Friends & Family!

Developing as a Disciple

Steven Ford

The Scriptures are clear that we are to be faithful disciples and go out and make more disciples from among all people (Matthew 28:18-20). So, you may be wondering, “What can I do to enhance my service and be more dedicated as a disciple?” Below is a short list of things you can start doing today to grow closer to the Christ and develop in your walk with him.

Spend Time in Prayer

“And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom he also named apostles” (Luke 6:12-13). Before committing to the great work ahead of him and choosing a dedicated group of follow-ers, the Lord prayed to his Father in Heaven. Each of us should spend time talking to God in prayer (Luke 18:1). Ask God for opportunities to grow and develop. Pray for the strength and patience to grow and develop (Matthew 9:37-38). Pray for those who are leading and helping you. Rest assured, God does hear the prayers requesting wisdom and development (James 1:5).

Spend Time Getting to Know Jesus

“And he ordained twelve, *that they should be with him*, and that he might send them forth to preach” (Mark 3:14, emphasis added, SF). Notice in the text that Jesus desired a one-on-one relationship with his devoted followers to develop a close relationship and to train them for the tasks ahead. In like fashion, we must spend time laboring in the Word to get to know Jesus (1 John 1:1-4). The more we know him, the deeper we love him and the more faithfully we will follow him (cf. 1 John 2:3-5; John 14:15).

Start “Close to Home”

“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 10:5-6). The first mission of Jesus’ specially selected disciples was to go the fellow Jews. While there are a few reasons for this specific mission, one benefit is that they would have been among their kinsmen. While the task would not be easy (Matthew 10:16-42), there would at least be familiarity with the language, customs, and culture. As we begin to develop as disciples, start close to home. Look for fellow members of the congregation that may need encouragement. Seek out those close friends or family members that need to hear the Gospel. While the work may not always be easy, at least you will be familiar with them and have a rapport with which to work.

Conclusion

Putting these few things into daily practice will contribute to our continued personal growth and development. This will help us to mature and develop as disciples of Christ.

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PRAYER LIST

Current: **Jaime** (Helen Perrin's granddaughter) had breast surgery and is home doing well. **Rachel Zapatta** fell and broke several ribs. **Rosetta Vargas** is having medical tests done. **George Davis'** medical procedure is Nov. 14th. **Melody Baxter** is having throat surgery soon. **Brenda Lynn** is in much pain from pelvic fractures

Continual: **Melissa Craft** (health), **Rachel Zapata** (health), **Jim Turner** (cancer) **Sharon Mathis Washington** (Health & family); **Stacey Wilson** (health); **Debbie Bush** (struggles); **Carlene Long** (health & strength); **Ron Ford** (health); **Janie Wise** (health); **Margaret Coone** (health); **Kathy Nester** (health & travels).

Shut-ins: **Carol Eason, Kenny & Reba French, Barbara Jones, Charles Paulin, Helen Perrin, bettye bolding, Cheryl Barker**

Also continue to pray for those on the extended family and friends list!

[Extended family and Friends List is Emailed Weekly.](#)

Response to Invitation

Terrance Dindy Jr. asked for the prayers to help with anger issues. Please keep him in your prayers!

Thank You

Dear SFA family, Thank you so much for all the love and support you showed our family during the passing of David's mother, Nellie. The meals, cards and lovely peace lily plant were greatly appreciated. Also a special thank you to those who traveled to Tallahassee to support us at the funeral. We are so blessed to be a part of this loving church. In Christian love, The Anderson family

Youth Thankful Meal

The youth group are invited to a "thankful meal" at the Kenyon's House on Friday, Nov. 15th at 6:00 PM. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite food to share. A sign up sheet will be in the foyer.



WALK OUT OF DARKNESS/ SUICIDE AWARENESS EVENT

at Lake Hollingsworth on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024. We will be passing out water and snacks to those who will be walking in this event. We still need individually wrapped snacks (crackers, granola bars, fruit, etc) for this event. If you would like to be a part of this event see Stacey Paulin.

We need teacher's for all ages for next quarter. Please see Brian if you are available to teach or assist with teaching. It would be ideal if we could get some new teachers involved so that our regular teachers could get the opportunity to be a student this quarter!

Scheduled to Serve in November

Designated Elder	Bobby Sheumaker
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Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Announcements	Tyler Anderson
Song Leader / Prayer	Terrance Dindy Jr.
Devotional / Invitation	Steven Ford
Closing Prayer	Wadi Khoury

Sunday, November 17, 2024

10:30 am Sermon	Steve Atnip
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"Baptism with the Holy Spirit"

6:00 pm Sermon	Steve Atnip
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"Gifts of Holy Spirit"

Those to Serve 10:30 am

Greeters	Bingle's
Song/Pray before class	Stacey Paulin
Announcements (both)	Brian Kenyon
Song Leader	David Williams
Prayer / Bible reading	Terrance Dindy Jr.
Lord's Table (both)	Andre Medley
Closing Prayer	Steven Ford
Open/Close Building	Brian Kenyon
Attendance Cards	---
Sound Booth (both)	Jason

Those to Serve 6:00 pm

Greeters	Dave-Nikki Williams
Announcements	Brian Kenyon
Song Leader	David Williams
Prayer / Bible reading	Paul Sweeney
Closing Prayer	Andre Medley

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Announcements	Stacey Paulin
Song Leader / Prayer	Brian Kenyon
Devotional / Invitation	Steve Atnip
Closing Prayer	Allen Grimes

How We Are Giving

October 27	\$8,109.58
November 3	\$10,247.60
November 10	\$6,722.26
Contribution Average	\$6,936.66
Weekly Budget	\$7,410.00

If you cannot serve as scheduled, please notify Stacey or the office. Even if you arrange your replacement, please notify Stacey or the office. Thanks!

Treasure

In 2017, I had the pleasure of going to London with my mother and sisters, and on our trip we visited the British museum. I could talk for hours about how wonderful that was and all the priceless objects of history we saw. Don't worry I won't. One of the most interesting pieces we saw was the Rosetta Stone. You may be familiar with its story, but a brief recap is that the Rosetta Stone is a giant stele, found in 1799, with a message carved into it in 3 types of writing, two in Egyptian and one in Greek. It became valuable in deciphering Ancient hieroglyphics, which had up to that point been undecipherable. While we don't know where it originated, the stone was found in a fort in Rashid, Egypt. It had been built into a wall. A priceless stone of historical and cultural value was mistaken for and used as common building material! It makes me cringe. It also makes me think. Jesus is worth more than all the items we saw at the museum. My soul is more precious than all that this world has to offer. How am I treating those treasures? Let's look at a few verses to guide us.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone"

Psalm 118:22

"For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

Mark 8:36

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Matthew 6:21

God forbid we should treat the chief cornerstone, the ultimate treasure, as something disposable. My prayer today is that we remember what our real treasure is and that we safeguard it in our hearts.

*Gospel Meeting Potluck lunch will be this Sunday
Nov. 17, 2024 following the morning service.

TEAM 4 will be the team in charge of the kitchen that day. If you don't know which team you are on you can find out from the office or from the list posted in the foyer.

*Also, if you would like to take Steve and Gay Atnip out for lunch or dinner during the meeting please sign up on the sheet on the table by the foyer doors.



SAVE THE DATES:

Nov. 16, 2024 -
Walk out of Darkness
Suicide Awareness Event
Dec. 14, 2024-
SFA Holiday Party
in the Fellowship Hall
Dec. 15, 2024-
FSOP Graduation
Jan. 3, 2025
Bonfire at Kenyon's

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"Let every soul be subject to the
governing authorities. For there is no
authority except from God, and the
authorities that exist are appointed by
God."

Romans 13:1



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